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Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 135 *et seq.*) with herpes virucidal claims. These disinfectants shall be used in accordance with directions on their labels accepted in connection with their registration.

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# PART 88—COMMERCIAL TRANS-PORTATION OF EQUINES FOR SLAUGHTER

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#### §88.1 Definitions.

The following definitions apply to this part:

*APHIS.* The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

*Commercial transportation.* Movement for profit via conveyance on any highway or public road.

Conveyance. Trucks, tractors, trailers, or semitrailers, or any combination of these, propelled or drawn by mechanical power.

*Equine.* Any member of the *Equidae* family, which includes horses, asses, mules, ponies, and zebras.

Euthanasia. The humane destruction of an animal by the use of an anesthetic agent or other means that causes painless loss of consciousness and subsequent death.

Owner/shipper. Any individual, partnership, corporation, or cooperative association that engages in the commercial transportation of more than 20 equines per year to slaughtering facilities, except any individual or other entity who transports equines to slaughtering facilities incidental to his or her principal activity of production agriculture (production of food or fiber).

Owner-shipper certificate. VS Form 10-13, which requires the information specified by §88.4(a)(3) of this part.

Secretary. The Secretary of Agriculture.

*Slaughtering facility.* A commercial establishment that slaughters equines for any purpose.

Stallion. Any uncastrated male equine that is 1 year of age or older.

USDA. The U.S. Department of Agriculture.

USDA backtag. A backtag issued by APHIS that conforms to the eight-character alpha-numeric National Backtagging System and that provides unique identification for each animal.

USDA representative. Any employee of the USDA who is authorized by the Deputy Administrator for Veterinary Services of APHIS, USDA, to enforce this part.

#### §88.2 General information.

- (a) State governments may enact and enforce regulations that are consistent with or that are more stringent than the regulations in this part.
- (b) To determine whether an individual or other entity found to transport equines to a slaughtering facility is subject to the regulations in this part, a USDA representative may request from any individual or other entity who transported the equines information regarding the business of that individual or other entity. When such information is requested, the individual or other entity who transported the equines must provide the information within 30 days and in a format as may be specified by the USDA representative.

## §88.3 Standards for conveyances.

- (a) The animal cargo space of conveyances used for the commercial transportation of equines to slaughtering facilities must:
- (1) Be designed, constructed, and maintained in a manner that at all times protects the health and wellbeing of the equines being transported

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Forms may be obtained from the National Animal Health Programs Staff, Veterinary Services, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 43, Riverdale, MD 20737–1231.